

in Garrison, which they had not been accustomed to, so much longer than they expected.

May our most beneficent and gracious God, who has given us such an establish'd Interest in our Hearts, who has filled us with such Wisdom to project, and so remarkably accompanied all your Measures with His Blessing, in the Beginning and whole Progress of this weighty Affair, still and ever smile on you, and long preserve you to see the happy fruits of this Important Conquest, in the Safety, Enlargement and Flourishing of the *British* Commerce in general, and uninterrupted Security and Quiet among us, the happy and grateful People, our most gracious Sovereign has committed to your Government.

In the Name and by Order of the Council,

Josiah Willard, Secr.

In the Name and by Order of the House of Representatives,

Dec. 24. 1745.

Thomas Cushing, Speaker.

Extract of a Letter from Woodstock, December 6, -1745.

Last Friday Night being the 29th of November, a surprizing Scene of Preternaturals opened at the House of Mr. Richard Davenport in this Town; viz. In the fore Part of the Evening some of the Family observed some small Stones falling from the Dwelling-Room, at first they took but little Notice of them; but finding the Stones cast in increas'd in-Number and Bigness, and all this when the Door, and Windows were all closely shut, the Chamber Floor closely laid, and no Chasma where thro' which Stones could be conveyed, were struck with Fear, as well they might, at the View of such Effects: In this fright they call'd in some Neighbours, the Stones continued coming into the Room, flying in all Directions; and who belonged to the Family were struck with some of the stones, and some of the Neighbours, one especially had his arm considerably hurt: Some of the Stones flew with force into the Rooms, others fell down perpendicular, others had oblique Direction; in a Word, they had every sort of Direction imaginable. In the latter Part of the Night I was call'd to Bed to visit the distressed Family, I took two of my neighbours with me, we came to the House about break of day, went into the haunted Room where the Family was and as Neighbours above said; soon after I got in, sundry Stones came in, some with more force and some less, one especially went just over our Heads with much force, and struck the wall; some dropped right down on the Floor; some flew with desperate force between our Legs as we sat by the Fire; some lightly into our Laps; others dropt upon our Arms: Those who were most hurt, received it before I came to the House, he was much hurt while I was there.— I staid there near six Hours; about half an Hour before I came away there was some Mitigation as to the frequency of their coming, and Degree of force with which they came. While I was in the House I saw them number the Stones that had been cast before I came, which was 112, If I mistake not. As to the number that came in while I was there were not counted, but not guess less than 50.— The Stones were from a Pound weight and under of all shapes and bigness. I have not been at the House since the Time above said, but understand the same things have continued; and that some stones much larger than these have been cast into the Room as aforesaid. How it is at present I am unable to say, for I have heard nothing this Day. Let the Truth of this Information you may with abundant certainty depend upon it:—

I am, &c.

Louisbourg, November, 22, 1745.

The ready, current Prices of Provisions &c. as they are sold in Massachusetts Bills, or Silver equivalent, at Louisbourg, November 22, 1745.

Fresh Beef, Mutton and Pork, Four Shillings a Pound.
Dunghill Fowls, Ten Shillings apiece.
Geese, Thirty Shillings apiece.
Indian Corn, Twenty one Shillings a Bushel.
Turnips, Twenty Shillings a Bushel.
Apples, and Potatoes Twenty Shillings a Bushel.
Cabbages, Four Shillings apiece.
Cyder, Five Pounds a Barrel.
Rum, Twenty Four Shillings a Gallon by the Hoghead.
Butter, Four Shillings a Pound by the Tub.
Sugar, Brown, Three Shillings a Pound.
Candles, six Shillings a Pound.

Common Soap, Four Shillings and six Pence a Pound.

[The above Prices are in Bills of the Old Tenor.]

ANNA POLIS.

By Letters of undoubted Credit, from the Northward, since our last, we are informed, that by several Vessels arrived from different Parts; they had an Account, that there had been an Engagement between his Majesty's Forces, and the Rebels, in which 9000 of the latter were destroy'd; and the young Chevalier taken Prisoner. The particulars of which bloody Engagement, we are in daily Expectation of, but have not yet receiv'd.

A Ship is just arrived in Choptank from Liverpool, after a long Passage, she brings advice, that on the 23d or 24th of November past, General Wade with 16000 Men, General Ligonier with 18000 Men, and his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland with 12000 Men, were within two or three Days march of the Pretender's Army which was then in Lancashire: so that 'tis more than probable, that the above Account of their Defeat is true and may be depended on.

Last Saturday Evening, from 10 'til near 12 o'Clock, we had a remarkable Appearance of the *Aurora Borealis*, or Northern Twilight. It extended a full Quarter of the Compass, and in some Places resembled a red-hot Oven. The Coruscations, or Streams of Light, which were numerous, and continually changing Shape and Situation, reach'd near 50 Degrees towards the Zenith.

Custom-House, ANNAPOLIS, Entered.

Schooner Essex, John Micou, from Virginia.

ADVERTISEMENT S.

RAN away a few Weeks ago from the Subscriber, of the City of Annapolis, a Convict Servant Man named John Bailey: He is a lusty dirty looking Fellow, about twenty four Years of Age, has a very sore Leg, and four Letters below his Right Thumb-joint, viz. I. B. H. N. and had on, when he went away, a blue Jacket very little worn, and dirty Shirt and Trowers.

Whoever apprehends the said Servant and brings him to me the Subscriber, at the City aforesaid, shall have thirty Shillings Reward.

BARTON RODGETT.

FINE English Salt, at Three Shillings per Bushel; to be Sold by the Subscriber, living on *Sassafras* River, in Maryland.

ALEXANDER LUNN.

March 11, 1745.

Whereas the Subscriber has been informed that Solomon Venton, of Talbot, or Dorset County, Maryland, is dead: This is therefore to offer a Reward of Twenty Shillings to any Person, who will give certain Information to the Subscriber at Port Tobacco, or Mr. James Nimmo in Annapolis, whether the said Solomon be living or dead.

ANNE VENTON.